

The doctoral thesis “Strategic Defense Initiative” deals with the issue of the Strategic initiative on the basis of historical-political analysis. The Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) was a crucial topic during the 1980s, which had a profound political impact on the development of international events and the Cold war in general.

The work presents a brief history of the United States ABM systems and introduces the historical context. Furthermore, the author analyzes possible reasons for the SDI announcement and reexamines Reagan’s speech in March 1983. Persons and interest groups who promoted strategic defense are also included in this analysis. Included are problems connected to SDI, as well as a brief description of the program. The following chapter deals with the Soviet reaction to SDI. The seventh chapter discusses the European reaction to SDI. The topic is analyzed citing the example of the United Kingdom. The next chapter deals with the Anti Ballistic Missile treaty and its interpretations from the SDI perspective. The last chapter discusses US – Soviet summits, which took place in the 1980s, with an emphasis on SDI.